(d) whether the Prime Minister has announced that the Institute would be an autonomous unit, so that inter-faith ideas may be fully achieved;

(e) whether this has been fully under consideration; if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(f) the details of the land required and the concrete proposals received from the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (f) Based on the decision taken earlier to establish the Institute as an autonomous body, a scheme was prepared for inclusion in the Eleventh Plan. It has since been decided to set it up as a centre of Research on Sri Guru Granth Sahib studies in the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Rs. One crore has so far been released for the purpose.

Guidelines for affiliation to foreign boards

2162. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy guidelines regarding affiliation of Indian and India-based international schools to foreign boards and the permission to foreign teachers;

(b) the number of India based International schools being run in the country, State-wise;

(c) the ratio of Indian and foreign students in such schools; and

(d) the ratio of Indian and foreign teachers in such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Requests for appointment of foreign teachers in schools in India affiliated to foreign boards (other then schools set up by foreign embassies) are considered on a case-to-case basis from academic angle and are further subject to requisite clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs. For affiliation, schools apply directly to the concerned Boards as per the procedure laid down.

(b) to (d) At present there are about 180 schools in India, which are affiliated to foreign boards. The State-wise distribution of these schools, ratio of Indian and foreign students and ratio of Indian and foreign teachers in such schools are not maintained in this Ministry.

Higher education institutions in NER

2163. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of higher education institutions in North Eastern Region, particularly in Sikkim, as on date;